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Head of Department of Lands to step down in August

Idaho Department of Lands Director Winston Wiggins informed the Land Board on Tuesday he will step down from his position at the end of August.

The department manages nearly 2.5 million acres of endowment lands.

Wiggins has worked for the department for more than 37 years and served as director for more than five years. He began his career with the department as a forester at Priest Lake.

"This is something that has been in the works for several months, and I wanted to make the transition as smooth as possible for the Land Board and the next director," Wiggins said.

He also said he is considering several opportunities in the natural resources arena, but will take his time to decide.